ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE (AMD)

Program Proposal

Prepare <u>one</u> paper copy with all signatures and forward to the Graduate Council Chair. Additionally, send <u>one</u> identical ELECTRONIC COPY with all supporting documentation as an attachment in MS Word format by email to the Graduate Council Chair for electronic distribution to the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee.

Guidelines for an AMD Proposal

Accelerated Master's Degree Programs may be developed between an undergraduate and graduate program in a single department, between two programs in a single school/college or between programs in two different schools/colleges. AMD programs enrich the opportunities of the best undergraduates at Marshall University, enabling them to earn a Bachelor's and Master's degree in much less time than it would take following the traditional path.

Rationale: The proposal should identify the rationale or need for an AMD, and, if the undergraduate and graduate programs are in different departments, clarify how they are appropriate for the AMD.(insert text entry box)

Admission Requirements: The proposal should state whether admission requirements for the AMD differ from regular admission requirements (e.g. waive test scores). .(insert text entry box)

AMD Credits: The proposal may allow an undergraduate student to earn a maximum of 12 credits in approved graduate courses to be applied to the master's degree. .(insert text entry box)

Curriculum: The proposal should show how a student can complete the Bachelor's degree requirements while reducing the total number of elective undergraduate hours by the graduate credits earned (up to a maximum of 12). .(insert text entry box)

Student Eligibility: AMD applicants must have a minimum over-all grade point average of 3.30 and 3.30 in the major. Programs may require a higher GPA. .(insert text entry box)

Approvals

Signatures Undergraduate Advisor Graduate Studies Director Dean, Undergraduate College

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